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HISTORY: Two local activists groups calling themselves "CRITICAL MASS," and the "AUTO-FREE BAY AREA COALITION," have been extremely active in the city of Berkeley over the past year. Although hiding themselves behind such worthwhile causes such as air pollution and excessive automobile traffic, these groups are nothing more than self-proclaimed anarchists and local activists who have adopted innovative tactics to create civil disorder and attempt to carry out the "anarchist revolution."

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This summer activists in San Francisco have had relatively good success at resisting and exposing the inherently exploitative nature of the unrestrained corporate greed. Homes Not Jails, The Coalition On Homelessness, San Francisco Tenants Union, Empty The Shelters, Gray Panthers and many other groups have organized building take-overs, speak outs at public hearings and a blockade of the Trans Bay bus terminal when the city evicted 300 homeless into the police Matrix clamp down. The Mayor was host to The National Mayors Conference on Homelessness and Hunger but a counter Conference and Boycott called by homeless rights groups was effective. Only 5 of the original 35 invited mayors attended and the Clinton Administration's head of the Inter-Agency Task force was challenged to "show action or get out of the way."

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Come to lunch and dinner. A sustained resistance could be the most important thing. People are needed to attend every meal to offer support or risk arrest. Lunch is held at Civic Center every weekday at Noon; this is when most arrests have occurred, when Mayor Jordan is actually watching from the Civic Center. Arrests also occur at dinner, which is held every day at 6 pm in Civic Center (most arrests are on weekdays). SF Food Not Bombs also serves lunch at Haight and Stanyan Mondays at Noon, but no arrests have occurred there.

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HIV infection among intravenous drug users (IVDU's) in the East Bay, for example, is becoming a horror story, 40 percent of IVDU's in Richmond are HIV positive, 30 percent in west Oakland, and rising. Right now, Richmond has **no** needle exchange sites;

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Needle exchange activists continue to run underground illegal exchanges in about 14 sites in the Bay Area. Exchange activists and drug users are pissed as hell at Wilson's murderous vote. On Friday Oct. 29, there will be a state-wide demo, called by ACT-UP, where needle exchange activists and users from all over the state will converge upon the capitol, armed with bucketful's of contaminated needles, and do some major damage to Pete Wilson's cold-killer peace of mind. Come support the needle exchange!

Major statewide ACT-UP demo planned for Oct. 29

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Slingshot is an independent, radical newspaper published in the East Bay since 1988.

This issue has come together surprisingly easily in some ways, probably because the group is feeling more like a "collective" at the moment. There are a lot of good feelings of trust around our meetings, etc.

However, our usual problems remain. In order to publish this issue we went about \$300 in debt. We did manage to pay off the debt from last issue, and if just a little more money would come in, we could do the paper more often and with less struggle surrounding the money aspect of it. If you can, give money, buy a t-shirt, etc..

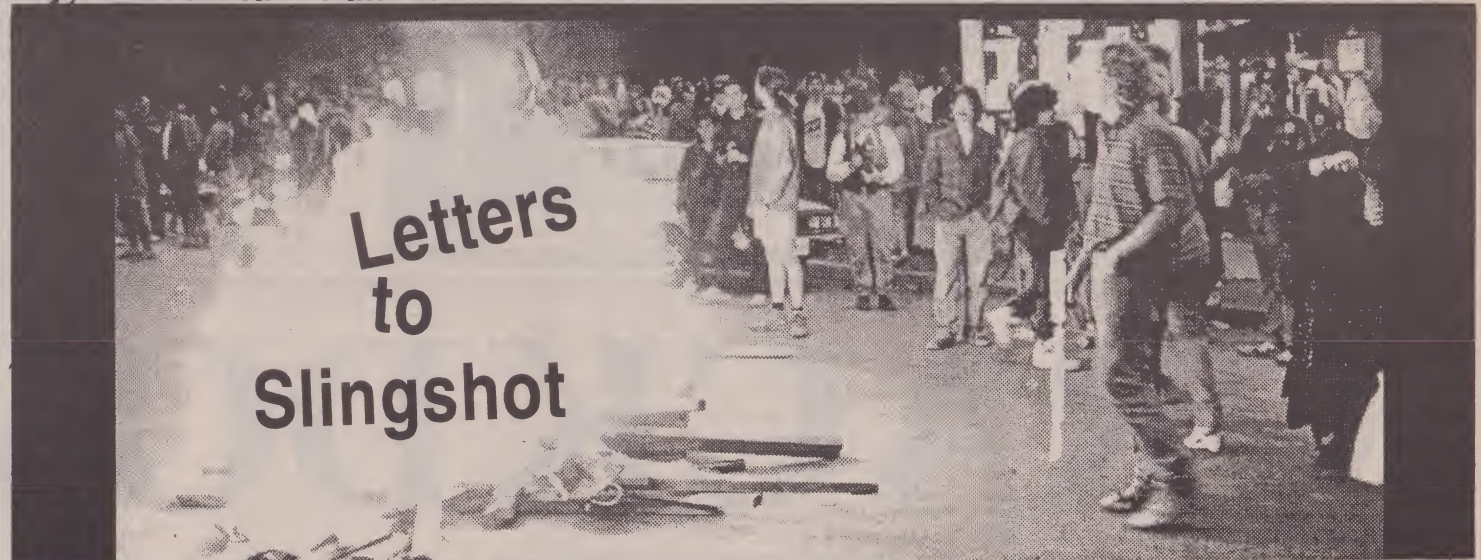
Another problem with this issue is that the Slingshot computer failed just days before we were to start working on the issue. Some people suspect sabotage; others just figure bad luck. In either case, if anyone has a Macintosh computer that they can donate, or if anyone can help us repair our existing system, let us know.

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Slingshot of immense value

Dear editor,

I came across the name of your journal "Slingshot" and I think it should be of immense value for my studies of international Politics.

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Greetings from Prison

Dear Slingshot:

Thank you for getting in contact with me. By now you should have received a copy of my prison newsletter, but if not, please let me know...

I would like to write a word or two about the absolute possibility of "mental revolution" in the joint. What we need to do is look past the bullshit that got us here and the bullshit we continue to perpetuate.

Thanks for keeping me on the mailing list. I always share Slingshot with whom ever will actually read it. The guards (screws) call me the "subversive commie-nigger."

Also enclosed is a classified ad I'm trying to get printed in zines 'round this "great land of ours."

Help! Incarcerated brown male wishing to begin educational future while incarcerated. Must raise \$500 to enroll in college program offered by Ohio State University for the 94-95 school year. I need to reach out to 50 people in the entire USA willing to invest \$10 apiece into my education. I can't do it myself. I'm not afraid to ask, are you afraid to help. Please contact me for details.

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I would like to write a word or two about the absolute possibility of "mental revolution" in the joint. What we need to do is look past the bullshit that got us here and the bullshit we continue to perpetuate.

Thanks for keeping me on the mailing list. I always share Slingshot with whom ever will actually read it. The guards (screws) call me the "subversive commie-nigger."

Also enclosed is a classified ad I'm trying to get printed in zines 'round this "great land of ours."

Help! Incarcerated brown male wishing to begin educational future while incarcerated. Must raise \$500 to enroll in college program offered by Ohio State University for the 94-95 school year. I need to reach out to 50 people in the entire USA willing to invest \$10 apiece into my education. I can't do it myself. I'm not afraid to ask, are you afraid to help. Please contact me for details.

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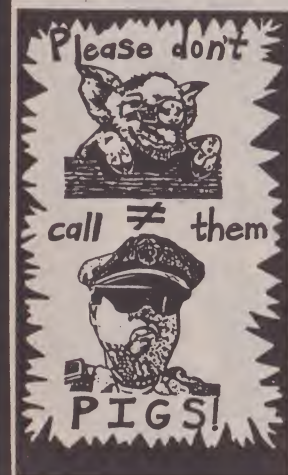
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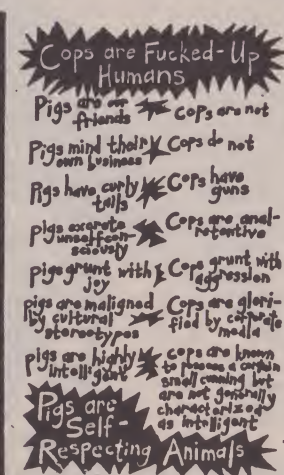
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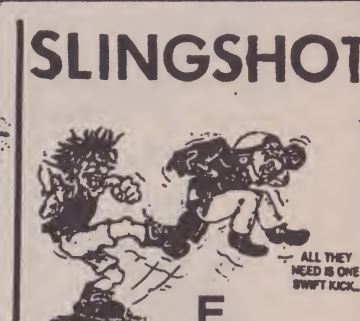
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HOMES NOT JAILS

By Jackie Goldmyn

Homes Not Jails takes over vacant housing, using two tactics, covert squatting and public action. Since Homes Not Jails was founded in November 1992, the group has taken about 100 buildings covertly. About 10 of these are considered successes because they lasted six weeks or longer.

Only covert squatting can create a squat, but public actions can provide effective support in the struggle for a squat. Recently 837 Hayes Street, a former squat, was put up for auction by the FDIC which owns the building. Two members of Homes Not Jails bicycled to Pleasanton where the auction was being held, distributed fliers to prospective buyers warning them that the sale of 837 Hayes Street is illegal under the McKinney Act, announced that Homes Not Jails had seized the building, and finally put in a bid of "one dollar plus justice." No one else bid.

The McKinney Act requires that unused and underutilized federal property be used for the homeless. Federal agencies like the FDIC, and the Department of Justice in the case of the 1211 Polk Street building, claim to be "exempt" from the Act. They deny that they are land-holding agencies. Homes Not Jails member Ted Gullicksen points out that the government has only two properties listed as eligible under the McKinney Act -- both are (undesigned) toxic waste dumps.

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work to transform the group from a male- and heterosexual- dominated group to one which Queer women members are satisfied is functional and supportive.

When I was arrested with nine other Homes Not Jails members during the August 24 public takeover of 1211 Polk Street, we women had plenty of time (over 48 hours) in which to talk politics. One woman brought up her frustration with Homes Not Jails being spoken of as an anarchist group, pointing out that the squat movement cannot limit itself by allowing sectarianism.

Gender politics were also discussed. Women had been marginalized at meetings; then at one meeting a woman requested that the meeting be chaired by a woman. She was asked to chair that meeting; subsequently women have spoken more and taken a more active part in decision-making.

When I interviewed Anne Mattis, a member of Homes Not Jails, she noted that the Queer-consciousness of the Red Balloon squat has also helped to radicalize Homes Not Jails. Many of the members of the squat (at 1211 Polk Street) and their supporters were Queer. The energy of the squat affected Homes Not Jails, bringing more Queers into the group and providing the support for older members to come out.

How To Start A Squat

"Anyone can do it," Anne Mattis says of squatting. "What it takes is a pair of bolt cutters or a gloved fist through a window ...

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DAMN UC REGENTS:

ACCOUNTABLE TO WHOM?



A move is afoot to somewhat decentralize the University of California's corporate style of governance that was created over a hundred years ago by and for rich white men. The Regents of the University of California are mandated in the state constitution to be a public corporation made up primarily by governor appointees who serve 12 year terms. Customarily, the Regent appointments have been political favors. Today's Regents have individually an average minimum reported wealth of \$700,000, (without looking too deeply), and head more than four companies each. Ordinary human concerns are obviously not of much interest to these decision makers. Reforms adopted in 1974 provide that "regents shall be able persons broadly reflective of the economic, cultural, and social diversity of the state, including ethnic minorities and women." No means for implementation have occurred in the nearly 20 years since that adoption.

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weapons contractor with 6 new weapons systems in '93 at Livermore and 2 more slated for '94), is the single largest stockholder in Georgia Pacific which clear cuts old growth redwoods, and has at least 50 major construction projects slated for the little town of Berkeley by 2005 in the Regents' Long Range Development Plan that got almost no input from the actual people who lived there. Info from other communities adjacent to campuses is scant but growing and similar.

The move to "democratize the UC Regents" is to place on the 1994 ballot a constitutional amendment that will change the make up of the board and some of its stated goals. In addition to limiting top officials' salaries, one important feature will be the creation of campus councils on each of the 9 campuses. On these councils will be 5 faculty, 5 staff, 5 students, (all elected) and 5 from the neighboring city and county (to be selected by election or appointment depending on the preference of the community). These councils will then appoint a Regent (one from each campus council), and there will be an additional 9 Regents elected state wide to represent the overall state citizen concerns. Over a million signatures are needed to be sure of getting this initiative on the ballot by February; also endorsements and donations are sought from labor unions and other organizations who hope for some kind of accountability in how life is



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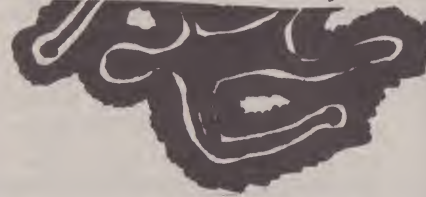
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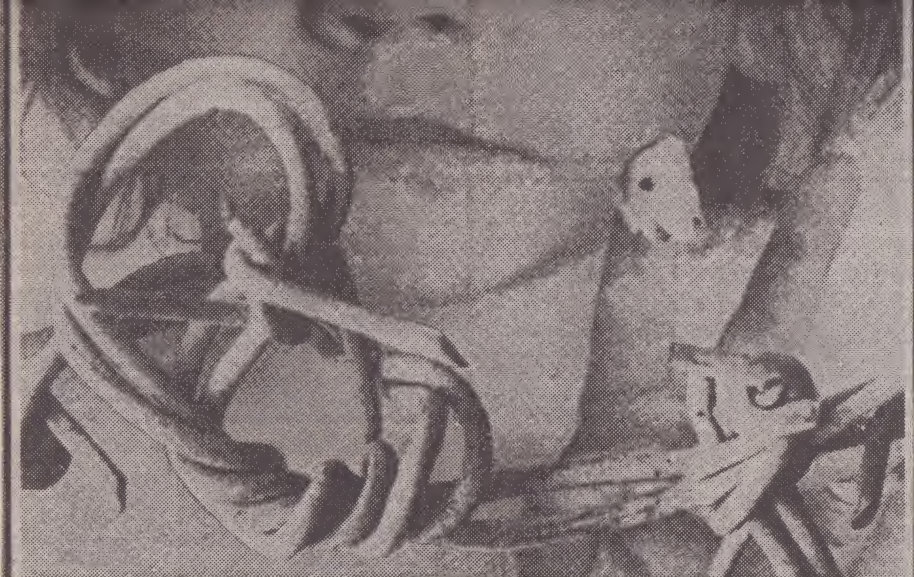
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The ad was paid for by the Federation for American Immigration Reform.

Besides the amusement value and obvious absurdity of blaming immigrants, who are by definition ineligible for social services, for traffic problems and inadequate social services, the ad nicely illustrates how marginalized people are being scapegoated and portrayed as the causes of social dislocation caused by predatory capitalism 1990's style.

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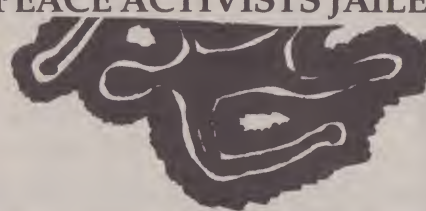
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its borders. To see borders in this way is to understand that in order to tear down the borders we must tear down the state and tear down the ruling class — it'll take a social revolution to overthrow this social relation.

Take a real look at the borders of the U.S. — how they were established, what they're used for, how they're enforced....

Five hundred years ago there were **no** borders here. The people living here were burdened by no state(s). They made no claims to own the areas they lived with. "Foreigners," backed by the rising European states of Spain, England, France and the Netherlands created the first borders by murdering the people living on these lands and claiming it as theirs, or their king's, pope's or god's. These same states murdered, kidnapped and enslaved the people of Africa to exploit this land they

claimed. And, fed by and feeding all of those, the ruling classes of those states were developing the beginnings of industrial capitalism, forcing their "own" common people off their lands and into the workshops by murder and famine.

The U.S. ruling class has spared nothing and no one, has shied from no atrocity in their efforts to construct their borders. It took them nearly 400 years — and countless millions of murders — to establish them as they are today. Realizing this, realizing how hard and how long how many people fought against this state and its borders — and seeing what a disaster has resulted from its "success" — should help us realize that the idea tearing down the border is both realistic and necessary.

Tear Down The Borders Committee

Refusing Military Work in a 'Control Unit' Armed and Dangerous

by political prisoner Raymond Luc
Levasseur
Marion Prison

When I was transferred to the U.S. penitentiary in Marion, Illinois in December, 1989, Panama was being invaded by U.S. politicians and military leaders an awesome display of American firepower designed to impose its will on yet another Central American nation. Weapons systems from land, sea, and air were utilized, along with the basic M16 to kill whoever stood in the line of fire. Whether technologically advanced or as simple as a grenade, this war material is made in the U.S.A.--some of it by federal prisoners.

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transfer" unit before approval is granted for transfer to a less brutal prison. It is a scheme the administration exploits to the hilt because they understand that Marion prisoners are desperate to leave its punishment cells, isolation, and tomb-like conditions.

While all federal prisoners are required to work, they are not required to work UNICOR, though 26% do so. Most prisoners opt to work in other areas such as food service or maintenance, or pursue the very limited educational or vocational programs available. USP-Marion is the single exception in the Federal prison system because it mandates that prisoners work UNICOR as a condition of transfer. The only work at Marion's UNICOR is military production.

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Clinton Health Care Reform as Power Grab

America's health care industry is in severe need of restructuring. The reform plan developed by the secretive task force headed by Hillary Clinton and Ira Magaziner does in my opinion address several major problems with the present status quo which leaves tens of millions of Americans without adequate health care coverage. It does however constitute a major power grab by the medical establishment away from community-based and alternative forms of health care. It does considerably increase the power of the state to regulate and control our lives. It does not look at the role of large corporate industrial and "post-industrial" capitalism in necessitating unhealthy "lifestyles" for most of America's workers and unemployed. It does not significantly get to the roots of homelessness and poverty, to the social inequities of opportunity and living conditions that are a significant source of illness in our society.

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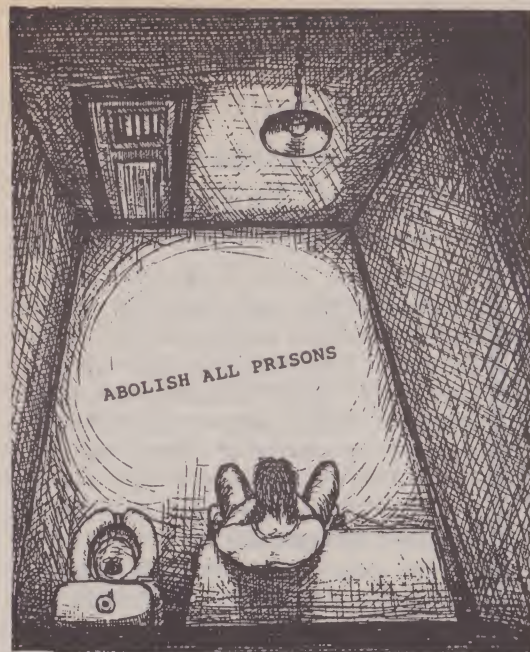
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Refusing to be an accomplice to U.S. militarism is an act rooted deep in conscience and solidarity with those fighting U.S. imperialism, and trying to survive its onslaught. It is largely a symbolic act, yet necessary in confronting the collaborative nature of the system.

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The federal "block grants" funding plan to the states removes previous stipulations that address the health needs of special communities. The Clinton health care "reform" in the state of California thus brings some bad news to the less affluent who might not like the choice of mandated mainstream medical care or nothing. The "block grants" funding plan is being pushed by the newly appointed Surgeon General, Jocelyn Elders, friend of Hillary. She is a token black appointee pushing a plan not friendly to the black or other minority/disempowered communities. Consider please

the recent anti-immigrant racist hysteria

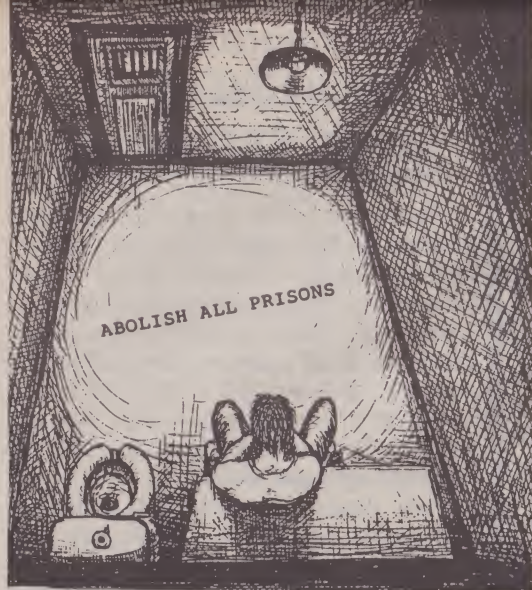
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As a member of the Berkeley Free Clinic's Peer Counseling Collective I consider the mental care health care provisions of the Hillary & Ira plan to be grossly insufficient. Even what is in there is considered unlikely to get past the U. S. Congress.

Instead of badly needed funding for critically needed, enlightened halfway programs to replace mental institutionalization or life in the streets, there is funding for 30 days in an institution and then it is back on the streets for those psychologically unable to tend to their basic survival needs. There is funding for a certain specified number of therapy sessions with a mainstream professional approved by your HMO. There is no questioning of established psychiatric establishment practice with their heavy use of spirit-deadening drugs ("anti-psychotic") by Tipper Gore, Hillary's advisor on mental health. Beware you Twisted Sister fans: a cozy padded cell may be waiting for you.

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Being contracted to the War Department means supplying more than just U.S. forces. It means that this military equipment is rerouted by the U.S. to its client states--from Israel to Indonesia--and into the hands of the world's most degenerate and bloodthirsty regimes. In cases like El Salvador, the supplies were used to kill their own people. UNICOR's military production is part of an extensive pipeline that feeds the world's largest weapon exporter.

USP-Marion is a Control Unit prison where abuse of prisoners is well documented by Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, Congressional committee hearings, and other sources. In the never ending lockdown there is little to engage the intellect, an abysmal lack of stimulation and recreation, and no work with which to labor. With one exception. The prison administration has designed a scheme whereby prisoners deemed suitable must enter a period of involuntary servitude in the "pre-

their ultimate recipients. For me, being a revolutionary is the best way to live. Capture and imprisonment involve adjustments, but have not made me repentant for a life time of anti-imperialism and struggle for justice. I was sent to Marion because of my political beliefs and associations and will likely remain here unless I repudiate them, which I will not do. For me to engage in the production of military equipment as a condition for transfer would be a repudiation of my political beliefs and principles. I will not do it.

Refusing to be an accomplice to U.S. militarism is an act rooted deep in conscience and solidarity with those fighting U.S. imperialism, and trying to survive its onslaught. It is largely a symbolic act, yet necessary in confronting the collaborative nature of the system.

It is not a decision made without consequences. The government and Bureau of Prison's iron fist gives no quarter to revolutionaries, rebels, and dissenters. It's part of Marion's mission to destroy an individual's identity and community ties. One warden stated that, "The purpose of Marion is to control revolutionary attitudes in the prison system and society at large." Rather overstated from a bureaucratic windbag, but the fact remains that Marion is repression personified in a social experiment. Any outward indication that a prisoner does not conform to Marion's dictates and he is condemned to incessant isolation. For the transgressor there will be no relief--no step closer to personal freedom; no embrace of family and loved ones; no access to expanded work, education, or recreational opportunities; no shot at parole. Added to the burden is the public's indifference and the response of the liberal left, who view prisoners with contempt and political prisoners with hostility.

Yet, through all the years and for all it's evil ways, Marion has not destroyed me. All that can destroy me are guards, medical neglect, or a prisoner that doesn't have his head screwed on right. There's an axiom here which

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alliance of insurance companies and large hospitals. This would be a move away from some degree of personal choice the poor would have in their own care. Since the health care for the poor, the indigent, "them" who are not white, privileged, sexually straight and male, will thus be considered to be dealt with. Community-based, community-controlled, community aware health clinics will thus be considered expendable. This is hardly cost-effective and will increase the level of alienation many less-than-privileged people will feel about the health care they are receiving and not receiving.

The federal "block grants" funding plan to the states removes previous stipulations that address the health needs of special communities. The Clinton health care "reform" in the state of California thus brings some bad news to the less affluent who might not like the choice of mandated mainstream medical care or nothing. The "block grants" funding plan is being pushed by the newly appointed Surgeon General, Jocelyn Elders, friend of Hillary. She is a token black appointee pushing a plan not friendly to the black or other minority/disempowered communities. Consider please the recent anti-immigrant racist hysteria against basic health care for pregnant and illegal migrant mothers by Governor Pete Wilson which was the aped by Senator Dianne Feinstein. Consider what it would mean for the Chicano and other Hispanic communities if a community-based clinic like Clinica de la Raza had to close due to defunding. Or if they were forced to closely screen their clients to appease the demagoguery of would be fascists. Yuppies might consider that the gutting of the Farm Labor Board by the previous Republican governor has lead to poor sanitary conditions for the migrant workers who

issued U. S. Health Security. And you illegal self-medicators...

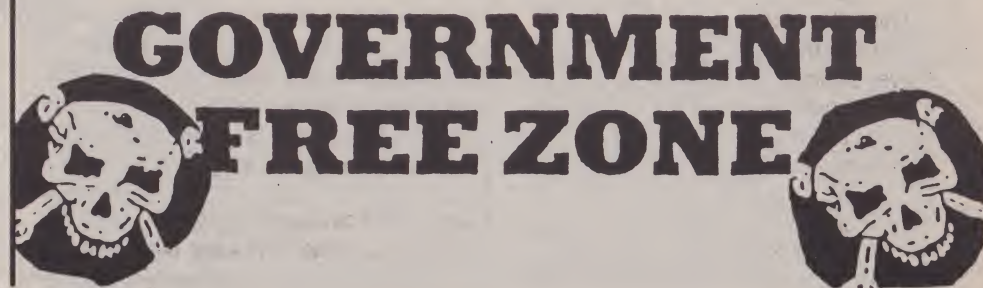
As a member of the Berkeley Free Clinic's Peer Counseling Collective I consider the mental care health care provisions of the Hillary & Ira plan to be grossly insufficient. Even what is in there is considered unlikely to get past the U. S. Congress.

Instead of badly needed funding for critically needed, enlightened halfway programs to replace mental institutionalization or life in the streets, there is funding for 30 days in an institution and then it is back on the streets for those psychologically unable to tend to their basic survival needs. There is funding for a certain specified number of therapy sessions with a mainstream professional approved by your HMO. There is no questioning of established psychiatric establishment practice with their heavy use of spirit-deadening drugs ("anti-psychotic") by Tipper Gore, Hillary's advisor on mental health. Beware you Twisted Sister fans: a cozy padded cell may be waiting for you.

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And if you are broke and need dental care wait until 2000 A.D. before you can get any care under the Clinton health care plan.

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Organic Underground Radicals:

Squash the State/ Gardening in Santa Cruz

By Anders Corr

After a granola feast and a gift of snapdragons on Mother's Day, my Mom and I went to the plot of land across from Stapleton's Healthfood store to join an extra-legal gardening party. A group of about thirty homeless people and activists, mostly from the Food Not Bombs community formed in the last year, planned the action two nights before. It was illegal because the California Department of Transportation owned the land and we had no permission to dig or plant. My mother and I were the first to arrive at 9:30 a.m. half an hour after the planned start. We waited on a bale of hay next to a magnificent pile of composted shit.

Around ten o'clock a bunch of folks showed up and kept arriving until about two dozen of us were digging with pitchforks, shovels, clearing grass with our hands and running the noisy gas-powered rototiller. The rototiller was hitting rocks, so we had to dig them all out. It took six people to carry one giant slab of concrete.

Once the ground was broken we scattered manure, laboriously double dug four beds, planted, watered, and spread straw to retain the precious moisture. I did more gardening that day then I have done in my entire life. Suddenly gardening becomes more interesting when there might be cops against it.

All kinds of people worked: the majority were homeless or students, but there were a few others. David, a Latin American history professor at UCSC dropped off some tiny basil and corn plants but said he could not dig because he sprained his back while weeding his own garden the previous day. Sandy helped with the digging and brought a bunch of water in one gallon jugs. Single mom and Quaker Dawn arrived without her kids (they were tired), and everyone's favorite anarchist lawyer (recently debarred) used his arms instead of his mouth for once. Santa Cruz City Councilmember Scott Kennedy said hello early in the day, but he and I had a heated argument.

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end of the garden on which to work. She later confronted another anarchist gardener for racism, to which he replied, "I am not racist." She mimed him sarcastically, "I am not racist, I love people of color, I try to help them."

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like I belonged digging gardens. I go through life feeling objectified. Hollywood portrays Asian women as the seductress, the whore, the penultimate of her satisfaction being to suck white cock and bring white men their tea and slippers. I was taught that since I first stepped onto this continent. I am told that my only role in life is to capture a white man."

"In Korea while there was an American presence, only white, blond, blue-eyed men, preferably with a suit, tie and briefcase are supreme, beautiful, intelligent and successful. The Asian woman, I am told, does not discriminate as to personality. A white man, any white man, no matter how disgusting, is what she is after. Sometimes I find myself unconsciously slipping into that role. White men talk to me everyday as a hussy and I feel like I have to prove myself, which is exhausting when you have to do it all the time."

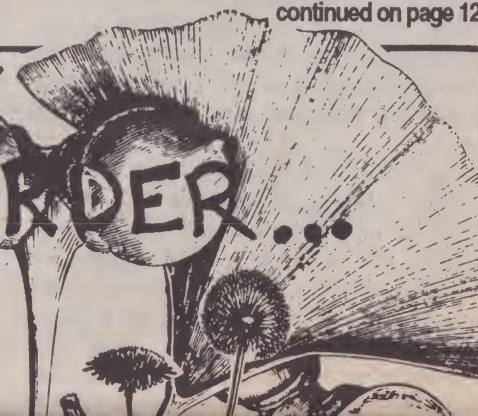
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You go to a party, bar, cafe, or wherever you take yourself these days. And there you see more desperate faces--as desperate as yours--behind the alcohol and caffeinated facade. You either join in with the usual compulsive smiling, dull friendliness, and conventional conversations, or you leave fast. How can you find someone you can talk to--*someone like you*--in an alienated aquarium like this?

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Who Are These People?

"Alone," of course, is the wildest irony of all. Aren't we surrounded with people all day long--at work, out shopping, in the neighborhood, and out at night? Yes, but we're not with these people because we choose to be with them. At work we have to be there to sell our time for money, along with the other employees. In the store, generally all we have in common with the others is that we're buying the same stuff. In the apartment building or in the neighborhood--well, we have to live somewhere, and our income determines where and with whom. In the movies, bar, or the club, we're there for entertainment, and the others more often than not are just our fellow-spectators and fellow-consumers.

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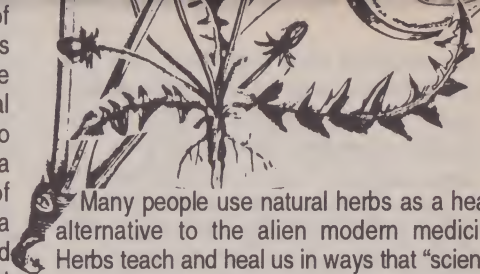
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Another major change in healing came with the synthesis of new substances in a laboratory. Most of the drugs prescribed by physicians today, came into being within the last forty years. They are substances new to our ecosystem, their "safety and efficacy" are determined by torturing animals, and they are produced and sold in packaged plastic for profit. The Public Citizen Health Research Group reports that an average of 9.6 million older adults suffer adverse reactions to these drugs each year in this country.



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Don't believe that the FDA is acting in the interests of protecting the American people. If the FDA were really so concerned about your health that they would take from the shelves vitamin C so you can't overdose yourself; you'd think they'd also consider testing and labeling of bio-genetically engineered foods. But no, they're willing to release these products with totally unpredictable consequences on the American public as a huge guinea pig testing ground that might very well make a large market of future "health consumers".

Choice in health care is critical to freedom. If you still believe in the US political process there is a bill (SB 784 and HR 1709) in congress that would guarantee public access to herbs, vitamins, supplements and information about them. Write your reps and give 'em an earfull.

Pornography is Not Harmless



By Ms. Tommy Lawless

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Sexuality and sensuality in Western culture has always been represented by nude women. Go through any porno shop, art museum, or magazine. Men are supposed to get off by being voyeuristic, and women by bring checked out. This standard permeates our society through all levels; even in the alternative/radical community. In Asian, African and Indian cultures, the genre of the nude does not exist. Erotica is depicted by two people in the midst of sensual or sexual contact, absorbed in only each other. In Western culture, erotica is usually depicted by one nude woman alone; or many nude women together, all more interested in the viewer than each other. I've found when I've expressed my annoyance of these roles, many radical women have scoffed at me as if I were some old prude. I've often been told that doing sex industry work is empowering for women,



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How does it feel for a womyn to be treated as a non-person in everyday life? I can speak from my own experience. There are porn strips all over downtown San Francisco where I live. Every time I brave walking past these strips, day or night, I am harassed, propositioned, grabbed and in general terrorized in extremely unpleasant ways. The male reaction to my saying, "no," to my self-defense is always first surprise, then embitterment, followed by

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What conclusions am I drawing here? Do I want to ban all porn, bum down sex shops and reeducate sex industry workers? NO! Do I think porn, in its cultural context, is harmful to wimmin? YES. As are advertising, popular songs, television shows, films, books, zines and newspapers. Would I like to see all of the above eradicated from society? Of course not. (Well, maybe advertising.) I **would** like to see it all drastically changed.

Many feminists who identify as "pro-sex" want to reclaim the sexual arena to empower wimmin. Some are creating "new porn," attempting to assert their own personhood, will and desires. Many sex performers (Annie Sprinkle among them) and lesbian porn in general are making leaps and bounds in this direction. Female performance artists are active in this work as well.

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getting control of our sexuality and all that. I've done sex industry work and the only way it empowered me was by giving me cash! Why is it that being a "good" sensual woman means getting use to this role and not complaining? Even the women's sex shop Good Vibrations sends that message out. Look through their books, their photos on the walls, their porno videos--the vast majority of them focus only on women's bodies. This is a store whose poll taken earlier this year stated 70% of their customers are straight women.

Years ago, I took a figure drawing class at Berkeley where I was forced to play the male voyeur role and use the female nude in my paintings. The professor only hired women with a typically "attractive" body. He told us that the model was not important, that we were to use her in our paintings as part of expressing our medium (acrylic paint). After only the first session, a guy came up to the professor and said, "Isn't it great--my parents are paying for this!" And the professor laughed and said, "that's great!"

Week after week it was the same body type. I tried to get out of the boredom by painting the individual woman's faces. When I started doing that, the paint brush was taken out of my hand--literally-- and he would say, "We are not doing portraits here, we are using the figure as an object in our paintings--individual models are not important" Tits and a cunt. He especially liked it when their faces were not even drawn.

Why do we as women put up with the some old shit? Why do we so often equate empowerment and sensuality with others perceptions of our bodies? Why do men get whole sections of cities devoted to serving their dicks; while we do the serving? Let's get over this shit and realize the traditional roles that this society projects on us are not the only one's possible. We

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I do not believe a man in this patriarchal world can experience this objectification as wimmin do. Men, have you ever had a womyn in authority over you stare continuously at your crotch (instead of your eyes) and slyly try to grab your ass while you were trying to speak about something very important to you? Your grade, your salary, your proposal for a political event? And if so, has this happened more than once? Is this a normal event in your life? I think not.

Some men have asserted that anti-porn wimmin just need to relax a little and have some fun. A letter in *Love and Rage* Vol 3 No 4 concludes with, "Yahoos: Get loose and join the real world - you've got nothing to lose but your scowls!" Unfortunately in the "real world" wimmin **do** have a little more to lose. I have been violently punished for asserting my sexual desire. I have been raped several times. This

meaning is not the same as it is when wimmin's bodies are. Being reduced to a phallus does not equal being reduced to a hole. A phallus is power-full; a hole is power-less. Objectifying male bodies through porn will not turn the tables on patriarchy.

What conclusions am I drawing here? Do I want to ban all porn, burn down sex shops and reeducate sex industry workers? NO! Do I think porn, in its cultural context, is harmful to wimmin? YES. As are advertising, popular songs, television shows, films, books, zines and newspapers. Would I like to see all of the above eradicated from society? Of course not. (Well, maybe advertising.) I **would** like to see it all drastically changed.

Many feminists who identify as "pro-sex" want to reclaim the sexual arena to empower wimmin. Some are creating "new porn," attempting to assert their own personhood, will and desires. Many sex performers (Annie Sprinkle among them) and lesbian porn in general are making leaps and bounds in this direction. Female performance artists are active in this work as well.

However, many feminists believe that effectively creating "new porn" cannot be done in patriarchal culture. I myself am doubtful; but I strongly believe we should try. Only time and the cultural response will tell.

I fully support sex-industry workers. But I also support wimmin who burn porn out of their desire to be free from violence. Being pro-sex is not the same as being pro-porn.

I know many men who try to honor the personhood of wimmin. But most men don't. The non-personhood of wimmin is deeply ingrained and daily reinforced in all of us. I'm asking everyone to acknowledge that and to recognize the diverse violence **connected to** porn images.

The foremost goal is to bring about a society where wimmin (and all persons) can be free to assert our sexual desires (homo and hetero) without fear or assault. As anti-authoritarians, I hope we are all working towards this freedom.

[This article originally appeared in *Love and Rage* Vol 3 No 7 as a letter, as part of an ongoing debate about pornography and anarchism.]

getting control of our sexuality and all that. I've done sex industry work and the only way it empowered me was by giving me cash! Why is it that being a "good" sensual woman means getting use to this role and not complaining? Even the women's sex shop Good Vibrations sends that message out. Look through their books, their photos on the walls, their porno videos--the vast majority of them focus only on women's bodies. This is a store whose poll taken earlier this year stated 70% of their customers are straight women.

Years ago, I took a figure drawing class at Berkeley where I was forced to play the male voyeur role and use the female nude in my paintings. The professor only hired women with a typically "attractive" body. He told us that the model was not important, that we were to use her in our paintings as part of expressing our medium (acrylic paint). After only the first session, a guy came up to the professor and said, "Isn't it great--my parents are paying for this!" And the professor laughed and said, "that's great!"

Week after week it was the same body type. I tried to get out of the boredom by painting the individual woman's faces. When I started doing that, the paint brush was taken out of my hand--literally-- and he would say, "We are not doing portraits here, we are using the figure as an object in our paintings--individual models are not important" Tits and a cunt. He especially liked it when their faces were not even drawn.

Why do we as women put up with the some old shit? Why do we so often equate empowerment and sensuality with others perceptions of out bodies? Why do men get whole sections of cities devoted to serving their dicks; while we do the serving? Let's get over this shit and realize the traditional roles that this society projects on us are not the only one's possible. We don't have to remain passive, being checked out by other women and men. We could do some lookin' too!

love,
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MONOGAMY AND THE MYTH OF SLUTDOOM

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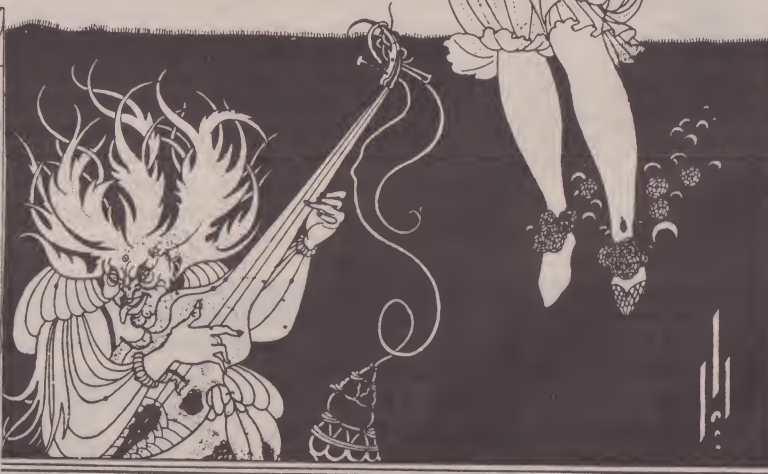
When I used to live in San Francisco, I worked for a few months as a topless dancer. I experienced a lot, both good and bad, but I think the most positive and most profound was how it opened up my sexuality. When I was dancing on stage, I would constantly try to find creative means of diversifying my performance. This required that I search my own mind for what I found appealing. I also felt that I needed to prove a point, that one can express themselves sexually without being a "slut" or a "tramp". One of the means of controlling women has traditionally been the virgin/whore complex. Under this notion, good girls are pure and purity equals being non-sexual. If you enjoy sex, you're a "bad girl", a girl no self-respecting man would love. It teaches women to be ashamed of their bodies, to never initiate sexually and to be tied to her male lover. They condemn sex workers as, at worst, "selling out to the patriarchy" and at best being naive victims, too stupid or too conditioned to understand their "exploitation".

Another thing that dancing did was help me understand my bisexuality. I have tangled immensely with the "which side of the fence are you on?" mindset. I do not consider sexuality to be a fence or a line or anything but who you love and/or desire. There is, again, the stigma of slutdom on bisexuals. The assumption that bisexuals can't be monogamous has led me to be monogamous to refute that, even when it may not have been the best situation for me. Now, I'm romantic in spite of myself and part of me finds a lasting love affair fairly appealing. Still, I'm at the point in my life where I take no stand on monogamy. It can be a very empowering thing for women to assert non-monogamy. There are many arguments for and against monogamy, both of which seem based on an ideal that seldom works out that way. It makes more sense than rather take an official stand on it, to judge on a case by case basis. Our lives aren't neatly fixed or predictable; what we want will vary as will the form of the

that for sex to have any emotions involved it must be monogamous. I see no reason why friends can't be sexual with each other without it changing their relationship. It ought to deepen, but not necessarily restructure their interactions. If a couple decides that they only want to be intimate with each other that's great, but should one or both have other lovers, it need not cheapen what they share. The key factor here is honesty. A lot of vulnerable emotions can arise when sex is involved and it is crucial that there be no manipulations or dishonesty in the interactions.

For me, physical and emotional attraction are extremely blurred, intertwined, forming a web of feelings and desire. I see sexual friendships as an ideal. While I wouldn't want to be sexual with all my friends, there are going to be certain ones with whom being sexual is the deepest expression of affection between us.

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Exotic Dancer's Alliance

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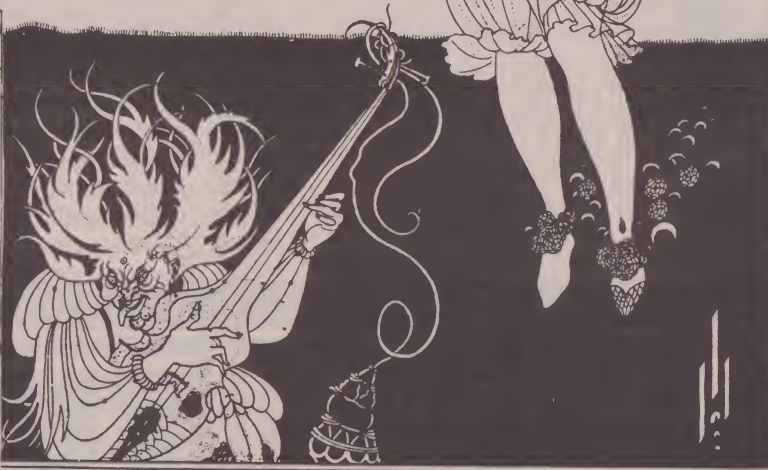
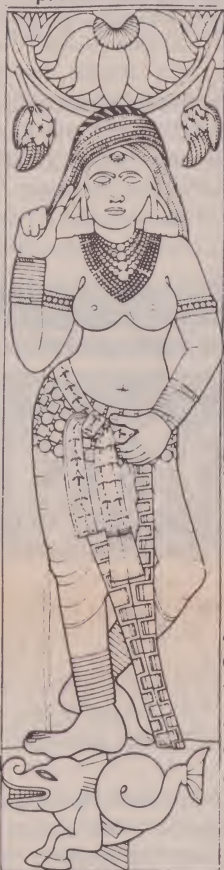
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At the present time, there are several important issues to be addressed. First is the issue of employment status. Under the guise of considering us as independent contractors, management has been charging us a \$20 per shift stage fee and has avoided paying us wages and providing us our legal benefits, such as Social Security. However, the conditions of our employment clearly fit the legal definition of dancers as employees. If an individual performs services under the "will and control"

of the employer, that person is an employee. We are confident that if we pursue this question together, we will be judged as being employees and will be entitled to wages, benefits, and reimbursement of the illegally-collected stage fees.

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SEX ZINE SCENE

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EIDOS Magazine, Sexual Freedom & Erotic Entertainment Tabloid for women, men & couples, PO Box 96 Boston MA 02137

Apaeros, Reader-written forum about sex, erotica, relationships, 960 SW Jefferson Ave. Corvallis, OR 97333

Libido, The Journal of Sex & Sensibility, PO Box 146721, Chicago IL 60614

Vagabond's House, An alternative lifestyle magazine filled with life, fantasies, and feelings for anyone over 18. 1505 Hall Ave., Corcoran, CA 93212

Frighten The Horses, A Document of Sexual Revolution 41 Sutter st. #1108 SF, CA 94104



Brat Attack, The 'Zine For Leatherdykes and other Bad Girls, Box 40754, San Francisco, CA 94140

Taste of Latex, ..it's a kink thing, PO Box 460122, SF CA 94146

On Our Backs, Entertainment for the adventurous Lesbian, 562 Castro St., SF, CA 94114

Bad Attitude, Lesbian Sex Magazine by women for women, POB 110 Cambridge MA 02139



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Chiron Rising, Entertainment for mature men and admirers, POB 2589, Victorville, CA 92393

Femina, The voice of feminine authority, PO Box 1873, Haverville MA 01831

Future Sex, The Future Sex Is Now!, 1095 Market St. #809, SF, CA 94103

Pump It Up! The magazine for Pumpers, 139 West 4th Ave, Roselle, NJ 07203

Black Lace, Black Lesbian Sexuality, POB 83912, LA, CA 90083

BLACKfire, Erotic Images & Experiences of Black Men, POB 83912, LA, CA 90083

Blue Blood, Real Life Tales of Vampirism, Bondage, Leather & Latex sex, 14207 Chesterfield Rd., Rockville, MD 20853

The Cherotic rEvolutionary, a zine about "the edge", PO Box 11445, Berkeley, CA 94701

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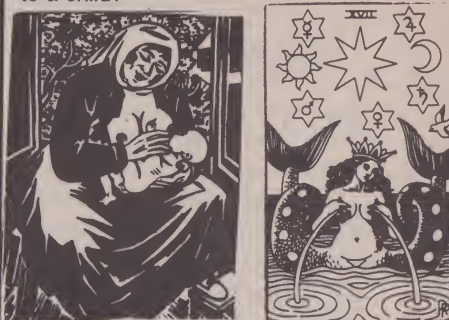
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declares that all who enter these walls will eat much shit before leaving. It's inherent in Marion's mission. But eating shit is qualitatively different than producing war material that's used to put someone else in their grave. Someone else who also experiences a steady diet of oppression. Someone who does me no harm.

Viet Nam changed my view of liberation to mean a constant and protracted struggle against those forces that impose their will on others for power and profit. Freedom is the ultimate expression and condition of a people who control their own destiny. Once before, the government put me in uniform and used me for military purposes. Being young and naive was no excuse for my complicity. They'll not do it again.

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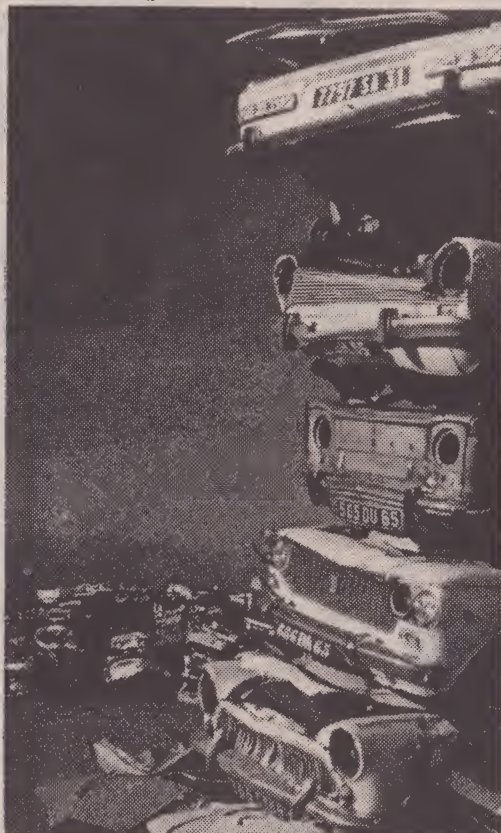
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Critical Mass Bike Ride



East Bay: Second Friday of the Month, meet at Berkeley BART, 5:30



Since the last issue of Slingshot, the Critical Mass bike ride has gone through quite a lot. For those not already familiar with the ride and what it is: the Critical Mass is a monthly group bike ride in which bicyclists meet and bike around town together in a big parade. It is a slow, social ride, not a race -- i.e. no macho stuff. No one is in charge, there is no formal organization. All decisions are made by "Xerocracy". Anyone with any ideas is free to make and circulate whatever flyers they wish to other cyclists and passers-by. The ride started a year ago in San Francisco, spread to Berkeley soon thereafter, and can now be found in New York City, Boston, Montreal, Portland, Sacramento, Santa Cruz, and even Poznan, Poland! Start your own ride!

All the rides have been growing. The San Francisco ride had over 700 participants last month for their 1st anniversary ride. In the East Bay, we drew well over 200 for the first time on our last ride.

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Berkeley police after they blocked off both ends of the overpass. Cyclists were violently pulled from their bikes, cuffed, and some were beaten by police who proceeded to impound all of our bicycles without giving any of us receipts for them! The police then proceeded to "lose" about a dozen of these bikes, forcing their owners to file claims for them. Talk about a bureaucratic nightmare! 12 of the cyclists are still facing bogus charges ranging from "Unlawful Assembly" to "Felony Assault with a deadly weapon", that weapon being - a bicycle!

We have had 2 East Bay rides since the one with arrests, and both have been very peaceful. The Xerocracy seems to be really kicking in, as more and more cyclists are making and passing out literature. Our last ride also included a lemonade pit-stop at the Auto Club office and a Food not Bombs serving at the end.

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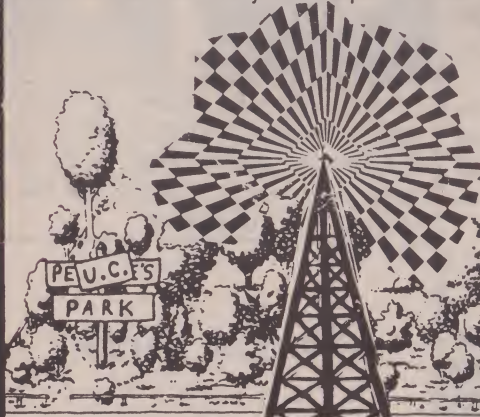
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resources available to doing activist work. Often coffee, tea and free food are available.

Groups and individuals organize events, prepare literature and flyers, hold meetings and discussions, and do other types of work out of the space. The Infoshop provides people opportunities to educate themselves about issues and to keep up to date on activist news around the world. The Infoshop also actively networks with other activists to let them know what is going on here.

The Infoshop is a place where "the general public" can come to get alternative information and it provides a chance for activists to get information out to a public audience. Everyday people walk in off the street to see what the Infoshop is about. We would like to increase the outreach and use of the space for the public. If you are in a political organization that has flyers or information to get out, send a copy to the Infoshop and it will get displayed. (We are also actively seeking political magazines, newspapers, etc. If you send one copy we can put it in our library. We also have free distribution racks and we can sell publications on consignment as well.)

The Infoshop is an anti-profit political project which means there are no paid staff, no bosses and no owners. We accept (and need) donations to pay the rent and actively need people willing to organize benefits, bands to play benefits, people with creative fundraising ideas, etc. The Infoshop also sells various political books, magazines, texts, patches, t-shirts and other items that help pay the rent.

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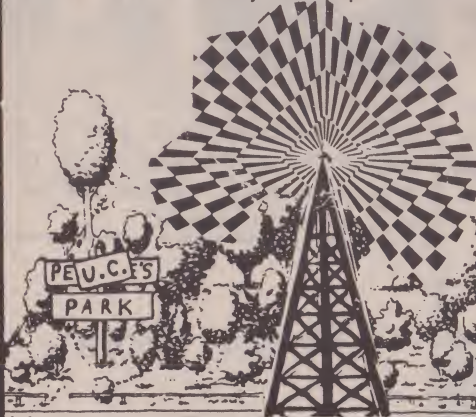
events and there are often extra flyers that people can take and post around.

The Infoshop is officially open 5 days a week and usually if someone is there you can hang out when it isn't open.

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SF police officers were heard to ask "who is this guy?" and "what do we have him for?" - for several minutes these questions went unanswered. By the time the FCC agent arrived to examine Richard's ID, there were at least 20 SF police officers on the scene. After learning what was going on, some of the officers were clearly exasperated at having their time wasted by this FCC agent. A few were amused and asked for information regarding San Francisco Liberation Radio's frequency and broadcast schedule. After Richard's ID was verified, he was released without any further consequences by the SF police.

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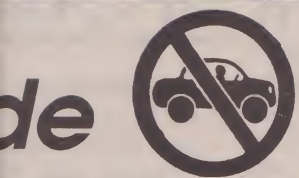
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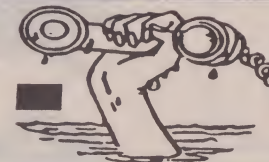
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INFORMATION HOTLINE

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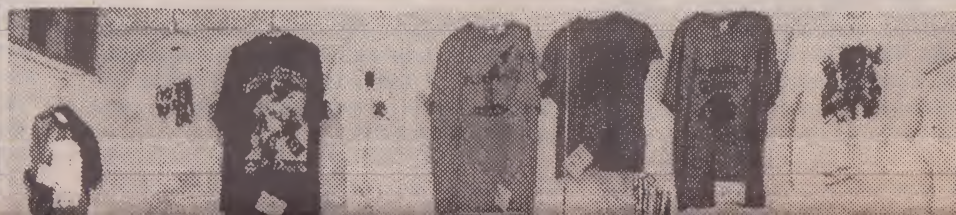
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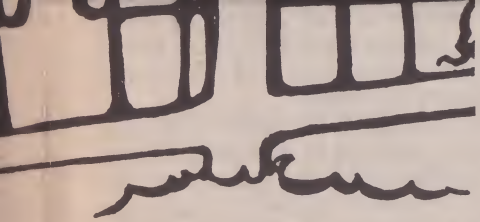
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Recent fascist attacks on the West Coast

SACRAMENTO, CA

July 25 - Temple B'Nai Israel firebombed

July 27 - NAACP office firebombed

August - NAACP's new office broken into and vandalized

August - "Carol's Books" an Afro-centric bookstore, windows broken, and racist stickers put on store

Oct. 2 - Japanese American Citizens League office firebombed

Oct. 5 - Asian American city councilman Jimmie Yee's house hit by molotov cocktail

Oct 14 - Sacramento office of the state Department of Fair Employment and Housing, which investigates cases of discrimination firebombed.

A group calling itself the Aryan Liberation Front claimed responsibility for each of the five bombings.

BAKERSFIELD, CA Sept. 20 - Abortion Clinic destroyed in firebombing

CASTRO VALLEY, CA Sept - Black women's car spraypainted with KKK graffiti.

CONCORD, CA Japanese exchange student shot and killed. His money and belongings were not taken. Unknown motive..

LA HABRA, CA Sept. 3, Tina Rixanne Rodriguez, a Black woman, killed by skins in front of her 3 year old daughter.

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Later, 2 neo-fascist pawns were arrested in Salinas, CA for the attacks in Tacoma and Seattle.

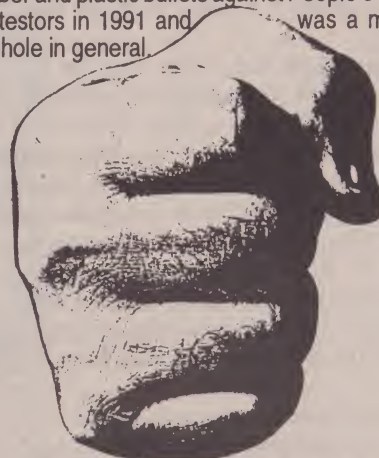
Chattanooga Demo

On September 11th ninety anarchists from a dozen cities held a rally and march in Chattanooga Tennessee. They were there to confront a planned Ku Klux Klan demo (which never materialized), to protest the 23 known murders of Blacks in police custody over the last two decades and demand that charges be dropped against the Chattanooga 8. The Chattanooga 8 are a group of anti-racist protesters arrested on May 13th, at



"Michael Brownshirt is a Nazi"

The new city manager of Tucson Arizona was greeted by these words spraypainted on City Hall as he started his first day of work July 6th. In his previous job as city manager of Berkeley (until being run out of town) Michael Brown(shirt) authorized the use of wooden, rubber and plastic bullets against People's Park protestors in 1991 and was a major asshole in general.



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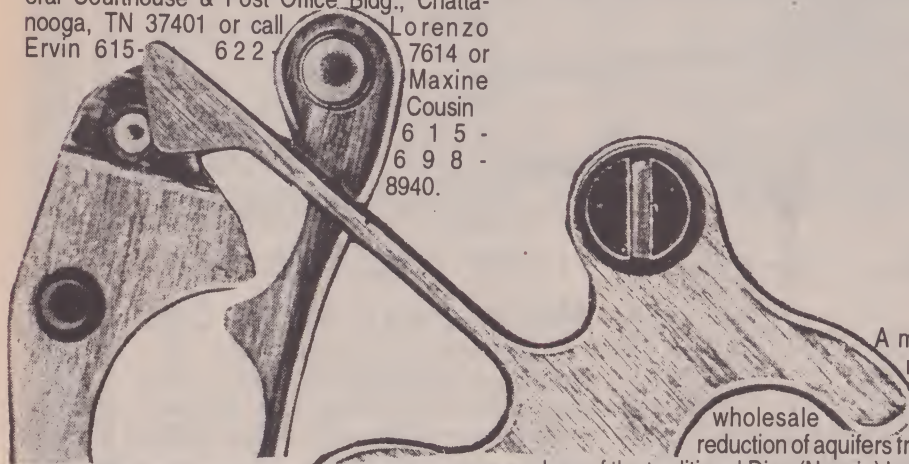
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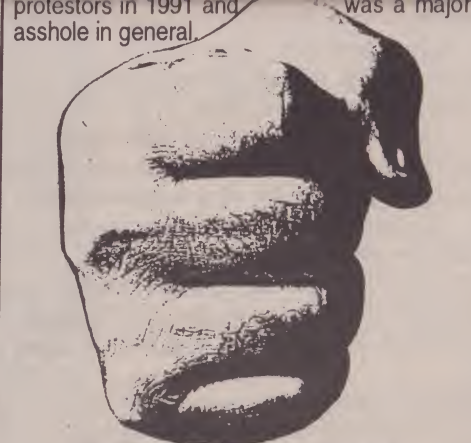
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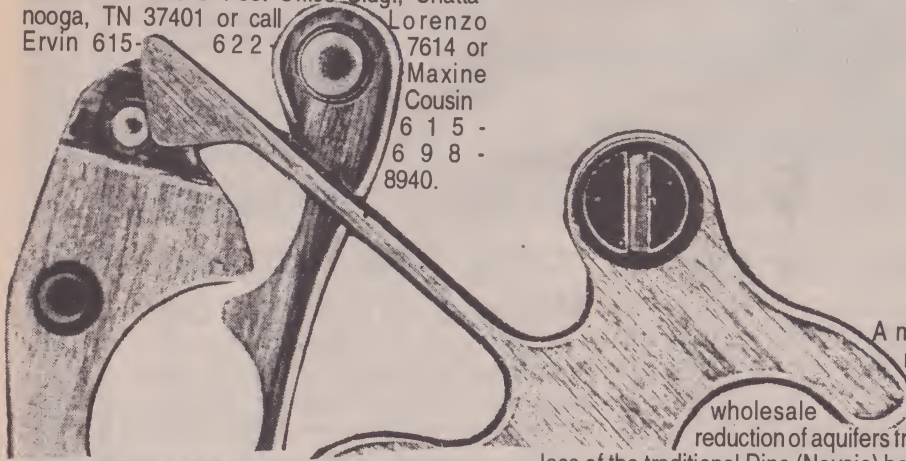
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I've heard of those who have sliced the throats of their razors to see a stream of revolution spill off the tiles and into the mountains of that tiny land we call free.

I know of cages from whose teeth flow tears, rage and sedation tenants who refuse to feed the hand that bites us all. I know of crimes so unspeakable they must be shouted, of a land whose streets are paved with those without homes.

I know of a land numbered by the staccato upheaval of chorused consumerism, of those who mutter "love" under their breath while riding off into a gray horizon, sweetened with steel, and preserved through war.

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Black Mesa coal (Big Mountain area) is low sulfur, low ash, making it prime for the 1995 Clean Air Act. This coal is closest to the surface making it cheaper to mine and closest to LA making it cheapest to ship, but Peabody says it has no interest in mining coal at Big Mountain. Ports in LA are being improved for shipments to Japan (Mitsubishi has contracts to make steel for auto bodies). The present open pit mines seem to be inching toward Big Mountain. The traditional Dine will not leave the sage, juniper, and cedar and their traditional way of life, the heart of the Dine. For info: Big Mountain Support Group, 2045 W. 3rd #34, Winslow, AZ 86047, fax and phone (602) 289-2707

LEONARD PELTIER UPDATE

Leonard Peltier is a Chippewa/Lakota American Indian Movement (AIM) activist who was framed on murder charges in the deaths of two FBI agents on the Pine Ridge Oglala Lakota Reservation in South Dakota on July 26, 1975.

The attack on the AIM camp that day was a planned action by the federal government to suppress AIM and the Traditional Oglala People, who they viewed as the only opposition to their plans to steal more Indian land to be exploited for uranium.

Leonard has spent over seventeen years incarcerated for a crime he did not commit. Evidence was fabricated, witnesses coerced, and evidence of his innocence withheld. The prosecuting attorney has admitted three times in a court of law "we don't know who killed those agents". Yet there seems to be little hope for justice. On July 7, 1993 the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals once again rejected Leonard's claims, not because they were invalid, but because they were not filed in a timely fashion.

Plans for a November march on Washington have been postponed till the spring if it is still necessary. There is a possibility he may be paroled in early December but barring that executive clemency seems to be one of the only options left. A campaign of letters, phone and fax is planned for the Whitehouse between Nov., 21 and Dec. 24, 1993 supporting Leonard for executive clemency: President Clinton, Whitehouse, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Washington DC 20500. For additional info contact the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, PO Box 583, Lawrence, KS 66044 (913) 842-5774

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People are invited to join peaceful direct action resistance to stop the round up and are requested to come self-sufficient and prepared for harsh conditions. Bring tents, sleeping bags and hiking boots - camp gear recommended. Donations of camp gear and food, along with money also needed.

Preparations for winter camp are under way: building materials are needed like plywood 2x4's, 2x6's, assorted nails and roofing paper. Call for directions (702) 468-0230.

Clifford Dann a Western Shoshone elder imprisoned for "assaulting an officer" while he was attempting to light himself on fire to protest the livestock confiscation has been moved to Lompoc, CA making family visits difficult because of distance. Letters can reach him addressed to Clifford Dann # 283-69-048 3600 Guard Rd. Federal Bureau of Prisons, Federal Correctional Institution, Lompoc, CA 93436 Western Shoshone advise that money needs to be sent through them. For info contact the Western Shoshone Defense Project, General Delivery, Crescent Valley, NV 89821, (702) 468-0230.



EF! IDAHO UPDATE

For two years Earth First! has been conducting a very intense and gutsy campaign in Idaho to protect the Cove/Mallard roadless area, a part of the largest unroaded wilderness in the lower 48 states.

This summer there were continuous actions in an attempt to stop road building. Dozens were arrested for blocking roads (through a variety of tactics: sitting in tripods, burying themselves in the road, locking their necks to heavy equipment or just sitting in the road) or for "trespassing" in the "closure" areas around the timber sales.

Many more were not arrested who almost daily built barricades, dug trenches and disabled forest service vehicles along the Noble and Grouse roads. A bulldozer was wrecked, a rock crusher torched, and wild-eyed camo-clad crazies launched daylight attacks on vehicles traveling the roads.

The Feds claimed to have found spiked trees (a charge which appears to be fabricated) and which was their excuse for a dawn raid by 40 armed agents upon the base camp. They have also announced the formation of a Grand Jury, with subpoenas and indictments of activists to follow. There has been a SLAPP suit filed by the road building contractors for \$300,000 in damages, with everyone and their grandmother named on the suit. There have also been several acts of violence against activists from a hostile local community — which has been whipped into a frenzy by Forest Service lies and misinformation — including shots fired and several people beaten.

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CLAYOQUOT SOUND RAIN FOREST



Clayoquot Sound on Vancouver Island is the only remaining tract of temperate rainforest large enough to sustain its bio-diversity left in the world. The British Columbian government, after buying \$50 million of stock (with public money!) in Macmillan Bloedel logging company, has opened up this treasure for logging. It's been a story of corruption and deceit; with Macmillan Bloedel ignoring two years of lengthy negotiations, a Premier elected on an environmental platform selling out, 14 new clearcut permits making a joke of claims of sustainable logging and the government spending 1.5 million (half public money) for a propaganda campaign to gloss it over. Unsustainable logging practices are leaving Vancouver Island with huge tracts of devastated clear cuts, herbicide contamination and damaged or destroyed prime salmon streams.

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The actions were getting a fair amount of positive press and were attracting common working people to participate in the blockades. I saw one man who came with his whole family to witness his arrest. The organizers, Friends of Clayoquot Sound, a group that formed 15 years ago in response to logging threats, have structured the camp and daily blockades to encourage all kinds of people to participate, not just typical hardcore environmental activists. They require blockade participants to attend civil disobedience training as well as daily consensus meetings. Those expecting to be arrested are encouraged to announce their intentions at evening post-dinner meetings so they can plan the action and prepare for the consequences.

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I think that community control of police is mandatory. If the community understands this demand, then we will be able to confront the system collectively. If we do it individually, we're in trouble, we won't make it. We need a civilian police review board. We can't have a system in which the police have power OVER the community. We need an independent oversight body, with independent investigators and subpoena power. We cannot rely on police to police themselves. We need to know what officers are doing outside of the public eye, things they are covering up. We need independent prosecutors. We cannot rely on the district attorney or the city attorney who has a "sweetheart" relationship with the police to prosecute the same police who they work with in other cases.



We need a "Whistleblowers" Protection clause so that police officers who are serious about fighting police abuse are protected. There were 21 officers at the Rodney King beating. Some of them would have said something if they had the protection. We need a body that is independently elected and has the power to fire police. This body should be able to change the policies that are creating the oppressive conditions under which we live. We can get rid of police hollow-point bullets and of dogs that are trained to attack people, for example.

We have a Gang Truce going here, right out of South Central Los Angeles. It's not only a truce between gangs, it is a program for community-based reconstruction and development. The police are not welcoming it. The Establishment has not embraced it. The Gang Truce came about even before the uprising, following the acquittal of the four police officers in the beating of Rodney King. Oh, yeah. We don't call it a "riot". You have a "riot" at a football game when you lose. This was a rebellion, people speaking out against a whole series of injustices that have continued since the Watts uprising in 1965.

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We want jobs and we want justice. We want what everybody else wants. We have problems in lack of medical care, in high infant mortality rates. They're closing down hospitals in our community. We need health care. Our kids need jobs. We don't need "free-enterprise zones", we need "cooperative zones". We don't need a Peter Uebberoth to tell us what are needs are. We had more liquor stores in Los Angeles than in 32 STATES, and in two days we swept the majority of them clean. We're calling for a moratorium on the liquor stores in our community.

At CAPA, we deal with police abuse cases everyday. We have a 24-hour hotline and a 58-page manual on how people can get involved and organize against police abuse. You can call me at my house, at 213-684-1892, and I'll tell you how to do it. These conditions didn't happen overnight and they won't end overnight. We all have something to learn, something to do, something to share with each other in seeing to it that justice for all is served. Otherwise, there indeed will be no peace, nor should there be. And we are all responsible.

FEWER CARS -- MORE REASON

When I chose boots instead of a car in 1972, it made a difference. I could stop and smell flowers, touch leaves, or stare into a tree. I could write or read as I walked. I moved at the pace of nature. I became aware of car exhaust, motor sounds, and asbestos at nose level of small children in poor city areas. I didn't think about car insurance, parking meters, traffic cops, gas prices, car repairs, car mechanics, buying a car, selling a car, moving violations, parking tickets, renewing my license, having to have a picture ID. I rarely experience traffic jams, rarely rode on freeways, rarely felt the mechanized rhythms of internal combustion surrounding and permeating my body physically. I withdrew from primary participation in a need for oil and its complicity with wars for oil control. I needed less steel in my life.

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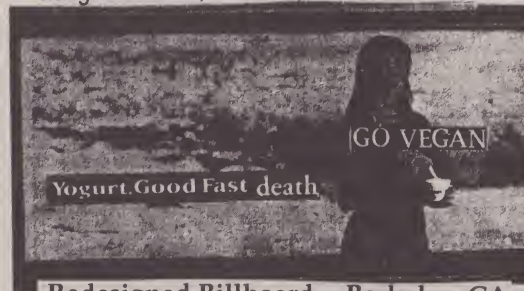
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ANIMAL LIBERATION NEWS

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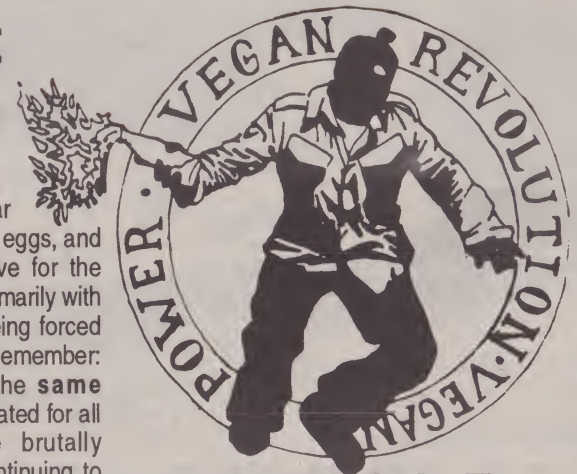
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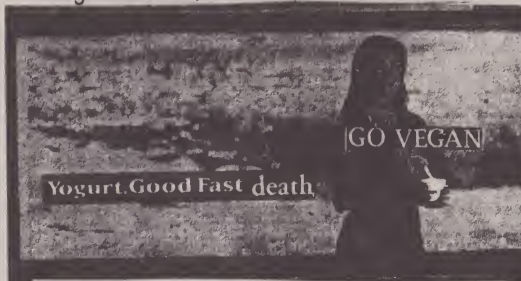
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Politics as a Social Disease

How does loneliness fit in with the social-change movements of our time--the Left, feminism, and gay activism? It doesn't, because it's not an "issue"; it doesn't fit into the framework of politics. Although the big slogan of these movements is "the personal is political," the most personal part of everyone's life, the isolation he or she feels during every day, gets ignored. It's overlooked because these ideologies, like all ideologies, are moralistic belief systems: some group is always right and another is always wrong. Because loneliness isn't anybody's fault--there are no villains and victims--it's seen as an individual problem. (Although the more advanced ideologues, who see it as a widespread problem, mumble vaguely about "the alienation inherent in capitalist society.") And if there's no one to blame, there's no one to "support" by propagandizing them into resenting their "oppressors."

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Shake Some Action

Loneliness is not some eternal human condition--it's an *inhuman* condition in an inhuman world, the daily outcome of an anti-social society. Although loneliness and pain are a part of life--since every relationship has a beginning, it has an end--there doesn't have to be *so much* aloneness. The destruction of the *system of isolation* and the overcoming of our *individual isolation from one another* are seeking each other in every workplace, in every living room, and on every street corner.

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A couple weeks later, two representatives of Caltrans came to the garden in order to explore the possibility of giving us a lease for a dollar a year. If they offered, I would support signing the lease and throwing a victory party, but once we have our garden in, we need shelter. We will not be incorporated into the system and sit on our laurels. "Assimilate my Fist" as the bumper-sticker rightly points out.



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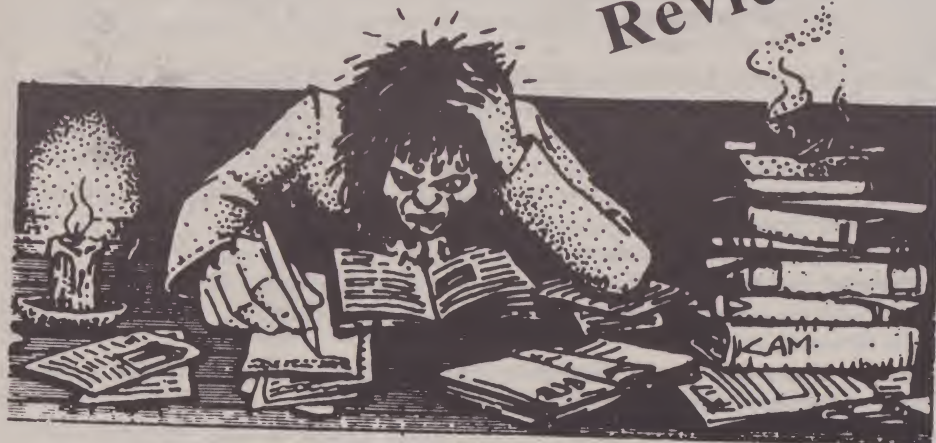
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The garden yielded a summer crop of beans, corn, lettuce, basil, squash, tons of tomatoes, potatoes yet to come, broccoli, bell peppers, endives, mustard greens, and cucumbers. A fall crop got planted a few weeks ago which included peas and onions. We haven't heard from the State or the cops for a long time, and I hope it stays that way. As the Dutch Kabouters said in 1970, be a toadstool on the rotting tree-trunk of government.

People are invited to join in the weekly garden parties, catered by Food Not Bombs, every Sunday at 1:00pm, across the street from Stapleton's health-food store at the juncture of River and Josephine streets in Santa Cruz. Donations of starts, seeds, and composted manure are welcome. If you want more information about O.U.R. Garden, call Food Not Bombs Santa Cruz at (408) 425-3345.

Alternative Press

Review



Aim Your Dick #2 Summer 93 \$1.50

Photocopy

The second edition is another naked, eclectic mix of informative culture clips, critical commentary and emotional zing. AYD is refreshing because it is two women expressing their views raw and truthful. What it lacks in critical thought it makes up for in fresh perspective. The cover of #2 begs for comment. How can a zine that inside expresses anti-racist, ant-sexist, "don't-classify-me" attitude print "Have you kicked a hippie today on their front cover? I figure it must be for me to point out the obvious idiocy of promoting pigeonholing and discrimination among the edge of people fighting for the right of individual and free expression. "Pushing buttons" this zine is not afraid of! Their articles include: Being Pro Abortion, Environmental Racism, Confronting Gangsta Rap, "there are no such things as oriental sex secrets", Marike's Grandma, Dramatic real life account of a Dead show, and Bible Study for Anarchists. The original graphics are good, the annotated reprints intriguing and the from the heart frankness makes Aim You Dick an important voice for women's views. PO Box 4655/ Berkeley CA 94704

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56a Infoshop, 56 Crampton St., London SE17 UK

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a small bit on race, gender, and sexuality relating to travel. A sloppy but useful guide. Jess A/109 NE Byron/ Corvallis OR 97330

Hag #3/\$2.50

Anarcha-fem rag of anti-authority and nonconformity. Excellent stuff on ecology, sexuality, race, gender and revolution. And more. Read it!

c/o Orissa Spire/ #D-56 1720 Douglass St./ Victoria BC/ Canada V8W 2G7

Incendiary Devices #4/send buck for postage thick-photocopied

Pissed off anti-authoritarian zine out of Seattle. A lot on prisoners/prisons, squatting, homeless, Depo-provera, child sexual abuse, non/violence debate, militant anti-racism and more. Fuck yeah!

PO Box 22774/ Seattle, WA 98122

Panic #1/\$3.50

The computer design of this zine made me not want to look at it. But I took a peak and was grabbed by the intelligence of the articles not to mention some really cool artwork. Two excellent articles, one having to do with bumpersticker ideology and another about reclaiming the city called "When there is No There There" are great reads. Also an interview with the Brown Fellini's, the racist NY police riot, an Eldridge Cleaver reprint, and more. This was a breath of fresh air from the usual political bantering with a somewhat idealistic edge to it. The spirit of this is "to challenge mental constructs" and "temper with expectations". Keep the Spirit. Get this! c/o Dave Wells, 431 40th St. #5/Oakland, CA 94609

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RESOURCE LIST

Action Girl #5/SASE

This is a four page newsletter of zine reviews, mostly in the riot grrrl milieu. About a 100 contacts here.

Sarah/543 Van Duzer St./ Staten Island, NY 10304

Bay Area Progressive Calendar--SASE

This is a great place to hook into political events, actions, demos... that are happening in the Bay Area. This is a great resource that should be utilized more.

Ken Cheetham/ PO Box 11232/ Berkeley, CA 94701

(510) 848-9862 ext 3 (fax ext 4)
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Bay Area Progressive Directory--\$3

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newsprint-24 pages

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PART/PO Box 1990/ Burbank, CA 91507

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THE LIST \$1 or SASE

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The spirit of this is hella cool.

PO Box 2451, Richmond, CA 94802

Earth First! Rendezvous Report

The Earth First! annual Rendezvous was held at 10,000 feet on top of Mount Graham in southern Arizona. About 300-400 people attended throughout the week of June 27 to July 4.

A major theme of this years' Rendezvous and relevant to the site location is a move within Earth First! to align more closely with Native Americans and Native American political issues. Mt. Graham is a traditional sacred site for the indigenous Apache, so a major focus of the week was support for

folksongs sung around many of the nightly campfires.

The push towards Native American solidarity is hopefully a sign that Earth First! is moving away from the 'save the wilderness for white people' camp, though continued harping on the "over-population problem" with its racist, classist and nationalist overtones was still disturbingly present. The movement remains predominantly middle-class, single issue, and deep ecology continues to be the dominant political tendency. However, there is

Detroit Summer

"Get Off Your Ass and Move!"

This my second year with the Detroit Summer movement. We are a small band of committed activists from Detroit and around the country. Our Slogan is, "Detroit Summer '93, A Multicultural, Intergenerational Youth Movement To ReBuild, ReDefine, and ReSpirit Detroit FROM THE GROUND UP!" Like any movement, ours is full of contradictions; however, I feel that is wrong to throw in the towel and give up and become cynical. This has been a growing experience.

Former gang members from Fresno, California, who have survival skills that I hope to never have, have taught me to be more open minded. Their experiences in Detroit have

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The list has been around awhile and its the definite guide to upcoming music shows in the Bay Area. Mostly alternative/punk listings. The spirit of this is hella cool.
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Earth First! Rendezvous Report

The Earth First! annual Rendezvous was held at 10,000 feet on top of Mount Graham in southern Arizona. About 300-400 people attended throughout the week of June 27 to July 4.

A major theme of this years' Rendezvous and relevant to the site location is a move within Earth First! to align more closely with Native Americans and Native American political issues. Mt. Graham is a traditional sacred site for the indigenous Apache, so a major focus of the week was support for Apache self-determination of the mountain. Specifically this meant uniting around opposition to two huge telescopes being built on top of the mountain, a joint project of the University of Arizona and the Vatican (they want to try and see God, no joke).

Worth mention was a strong anarchist presence at the gathering including a whole camping area, the "No Borders" camp. In addition, two of the four people chosen to edit the Earth First! Journal this year identify with the anarchist milieu.

The gathering was very well organized by Arizona Earth First!, with a loose and participatory structure. There were general meetings every morning at 9 A.M. and then the rest of the day was open to whoever wanted to sign up to do workshops. There were workshops on a broad array of subjects. The Earth First! movement appears to be growing, broadening its scope, and becoming increasingly militant, at least in spirit, as evidenced by the new slew of rowdy ecotage

folksongs sung around many of the nightly campfires.

The push towards Native American solidarity is hopefully a sign that Earth First! is moving away from the 'save the wilderness for white people' camp, though continued harping on the "over-population problem" with its racist, classist and nationalist overtones was still disturbingly present. The movement remains predominantly middle-class, single issue, and deep ecology continues to be the dominant political tendency. However, there is a growing anarchist influence, mostly of young people who won't be going away anytime soon.

Highlights of the week: the harmonious community of people that was created in the context of nature; the unChristian-like nature of the big fire circles where many of the revelers had a hard time keeping their clothes

on once the drum rhythms picked up; and the action at the University of Arizona the day after the gathering which brought the administration building to a standstill with the combination of an Earth First! style occupation and clamp down inside the building and anarchist anti-police chaos outside the building.

The Earth First! Journal has moved its headquarters to Eugene, Oregon this year. And be sure to make it to next years' Rendezvous in the southern Appalachians of Tennessee. The decentralized nature of this movement continues to be impressive.

--N. Waters

Detroit Summer

"Get Off Your Ass and Move!"

This my second year with the Detroit Summer movement. We are a small band of committed activists from Detroit and around the country. Our Slogan is, "Detroit Summer '93, A Multicultural, Intergenerational Youth Movement To ReBuild, ReDefine, and ReSpirit Detroit FROM THE GROUND UP!" Like any movement, ours is full of contradictions; however, I feel that is wrong to throw in the towel and give up and become cynical. This has been a growing experience.

Former gang members from Fresno, California, who have survival skills that I hope to never have, have taught me to be more open minded. Their experiences in Detroit have brought home the stark reality of the inner city and what we will all be facing in the 21st century. As a youth from Santa Cruz, I came to Detroit Summer to challenge others as well as to be challenged myself. We had a meeting where we tried to define our group process. This was difficult. A few proposed real consensus as a means of radical democracy in action, which had worked for the more homogenous groups I have been involved with that have a clearer focus. It came out in the meeting that Detroit Summer people are coming from all different experiences in communication, from New England style town halls to the informal consensus we were working with, so a few new people got exposed to the ideas behind working with a radical democratic style of self-governing through consensus.

Had I simply written off Detroit Summer as just another Peace Corps venture,

then my influence would have been nil. Detroit Summer is a part of a growing movement to grapple with the issues we are confronted with today. Questions on how to start resolving racism, sexism, homophobia, classism and de-urbanization are being looked at in a new light by young people who aren't jaded with the dogmatics of ideology. Creating a new and radical movement for social and ecological justice within the inner city has proved a very fruitful experiment. We are literally planting the seeds for a new economy with our neighborhood community gardens, greenhouses, rehabbed houses, murals and other art projects as we struggle through some of the groundwork. Detroit Summer's

office is located in the Cass Corridor, where prostitutes and the homeless are dumped off from the surrounding areas.

One Friday night a large tree was knocked down by a tornado and a live wire caught a roof on fire as we sat on the porch waiting for the fire department for an hour. Many different races, young and old, gay and straight, socialist and anarchist, we used this time to synchronize our visions. We're now planning to fix up a huge abandoned building in the Cass Corridor to use as a community center, with solar power, a printing press, art studio, gallery, cooperative living, pirate radio, greenhouse, and free garden in place of the existing vacant lot. After Detroit Summer '94 gets this base of operations set up, we'll help others do the same with other buildings and open spaces. We need to put ideologies aside and unite to make our immediate surroundings livable.

Sasquatch

The San Francisco 'Food Not Bombs' Story

Before San Francisco

The first Food Not Bombs collective was started in Cambridge in 1981 by members of the Clamshell Alliance, organizers of mass actions against nuclear energy in New England. The collective revolved around four dogs, Jasmine, Arrow, Sage, and Yoda, along with Jasmine's three puppies, and collective members planned actions while walking the dogs. While serving free food to the hungry, they organized demonstrations around gentrification, nuclear weapons, and intervention in Central America.

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Plaza, across from City Hall. As police sought to brutally repress the encampment, Food Not Bombs began to support the tent city by serving meals in Civic Center.

On July 13, 1989, 3 people were arrested for serving food in Civic Center. The following day a large demonstration was held at which 9 more people were arrested, mostly for serving food.

Food Not Bombs continued for months to serve dinner after nightfall in Civic Center. In January, 1990, Food Not Bombs decided to assert its right to public food distribution more firmly by serving lunch every Tuesday in Civic Center. Volunteers were arrested each week until in February, the City of San Francisco allowed Park and Health permits to be issued to Food Not Bombs.

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Chronology of recent crack-down on FNB

Thursday: September 2: Lunchtime: Police come to Food Not Bombs lunch at Civic Center and tell volunteers they will be arrested and their vehicle impounded if they attempt to serve any more meals.

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Friday: September 3: More people are arrested at lunch. At dinner, a van belonging to Food Not Bombs is impounded along with six arrests. Members of San Francisco, East Bay, Santa Cruz and Sacramento Food Not Bombs are arrested.

Saturday: September 4: Over one hundred people come to support the Food Not Bombs dinner; police observe but make no arrests.

Tuesday: September 7: Police resume arrests of food servers at every meal.

Wednesday: September 8: Over 200 people gather at Civic Center to protest the Matrix Program and the arrests of Food Not Bombs, during the opening night of the San Francisco Opera. No arrests are made.

Thursday: September 9: Six more are arrested including members of AYUDA, a latino homeless organization, and another vehicle is impounded.

Friday: September 10: While two are arrested, a third volunteer jumps in the Civic Center fountain. Refusing to wade in the pool, police wait for a half hour then leave.

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Another part of this is evidenced by the crackdown on Food Not Bombs; suppression of grassroots do it yourself solutions to social problems, precisely because they are just that.

Final Elimination: So if so many poor people are being made homeless or their lives are destroyed, and homeless people are somehow pushed further down, where do they go? A few clues are available:

*Thousands of homeless people die on streets each year.

*As pollution, malnutrition, and overcrowding saturate poor communities, many develop diseases and have no resources for treatment.

*The U.S. has over one million prisoners, a higher per capita rate than any other nation on Earth. And prison construction continues at a fantastic rate.

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maintaining that it is our fundamental right to protest militarism by feeding the hungry and that the group will talk with the mayor when he stops the arrests. The group also supports the Board of Supervisors introducing a "Good Samaritan Law" making it unnecessary to have a permit to help the poor for free. It is crazy to ask permission to resist fascism from the same corrupt fascist whose repression you are trying to stop. At the regular Thursday night

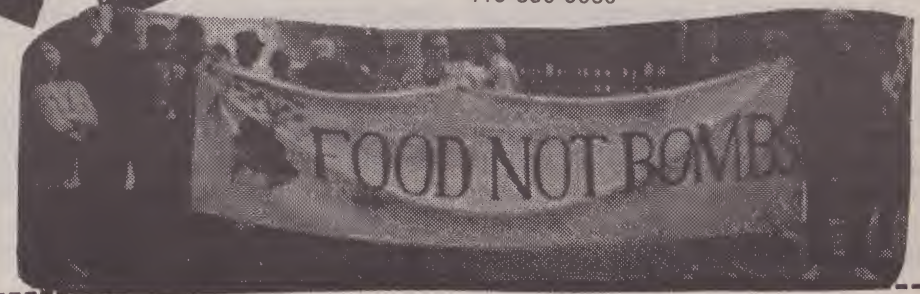
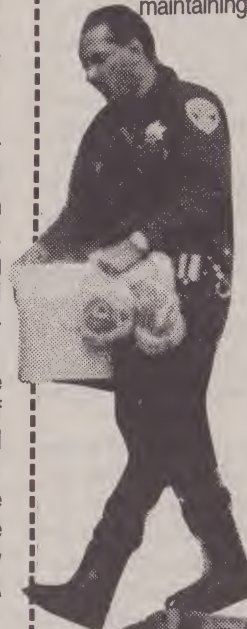


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On Wednesday, October 27, 1993 Food Not Bombs plans another rally at City Hall at noon. Everyone is invited to risk arrest serving free food in their Halloween costume. This protest should be fun.

Food Not Bombs is encouraging people to start a group in your community. For information on starting an autonomous group please write Food Not Bombs, 3145 Geary Blvd. #12, San Francisco, CA 94118 or call 415-330-5030



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IMMIGRATION

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funded groups of the far right who are attacking immigrants, people of color, welfare recipients and, by extension, any other vulnerable community.

Even groups and individuals considered vaguely progressive such as the Sierra Club, Barbara Boxer, Dianne Feinstein are opportunistically cultivating xenophobia and by doing so providing great legitimacy to scapegoating. In many ways the alliance of vigilante groups with liberals and traditional rightists mirrors the movement towards Fascism in Europe where the symbiotic relationship between these groups brought about the contemporary situation of violence and hatred.

Usually immigration is seen as the result of poverty or war, but there is often little understanding beyond that. What is seldom recognized is that what causes the poverty in the Third World is also what causes poverty here. Both proponents and opponents of NAFTA argue that the treaty will move jobs to Mexico. But what employment is created in Mexico will be far offset by livelihoods disrupted/destroyed in traditional economic sectors. Transnational agribusiness may take with it a limited number of jobs but there will be hundreds of thousands of small and medium sized producers who will be pushed off their ejidos and small farms. The same scenario applies to manufacturing, retail, secondary industry, etc. All of which is desirable for Transnational capital. There is no point in moving plants to areas with high employment rates. Who would take jobs at a dollar a day?

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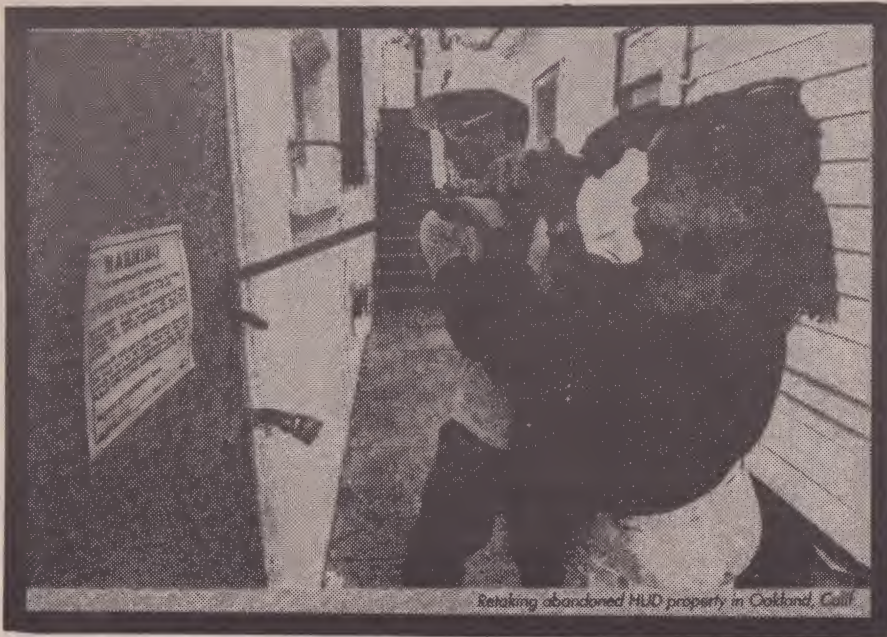
incurred in migrating and the remittances needed to support those who can no longer make a living in the home country.

There is definitely a pull, then, which the rapidly polarizing US economy exerts upon people displaced in the Third World by capital migration. So the real problem for people everywhere including the US is not human migration but the capital migration which causes it.

With capital being evermore transnational in character (in the early 1980s intrafirm trade within the largest 350 transnationals accounted for 40 percent of global trade) it is increasingly able to demand and gain concessions from government at Federal, state and local levels. This is accomplished by threatening to relocate. Historically those concessions have taken the form of lower-taxes, de-regulation, greater security, etc. Coupled with reduced Federal Funding for social programs through the Carter/Reagan/Bush years, the diminished state and local tax base has translated into the annual budget crisis we are all so familiar with and which are resolved by decimating education, healthcare, homeless assistance, welfare and by funding jails and police.

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Retaking abandoned HUD property in Oakland, Calif.

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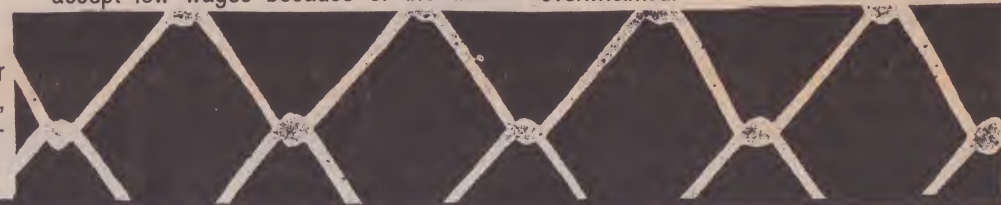
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To start with, the whole **labor/management dispute** between the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW or "wobblies") and Miracle Mile Enterprises Corp. (doing business as the End Up started when the **queer** janitors there presented the management with a **union contract** for **negotiation**. This caused the management there to **instigate** a series of firings. All this was sparked in large part because the management there fired a janitor because he has **AIDS**, and therefore "couldn't" work. This man is a radical gay activist **faggot**, and Wobbly, and he's not me, and we as a group of queer **workers** were ready to stand up to this **exploitation** by a **homo** boss. The subsequent picket lines involved people who once worked at the End Up as well as other union and queer activists, wobblies and non-wobs, male and female and other, straight and gay, dyke, bisexual and transgender too. Apparently, however, Sparrow bought **de facto** the definitions of the situation offered by the **gay bosses** in the **gay press**. The gay press wasn't as bad actually in their coverage of our pickets as they've been known historically to be. Because guess who owns the gay papers? That's right -- gay

being called, smacks of not only **prejudice**, but also of **denial**.

And **that's** what I attack, verbally and in print -- exploitation based on prejudice and denial. (Not to mention plain old greed.) Homos, **just like** many other good amerikans, are really good at denying their prejudice, especially that of class. That prejudice is what you, Sparrow, defend, even as you rage against it.

To put it country simple, that's what this whole thing is all about. I speak personally, but we acted up at the End Up as a Union, a group of workers, queer in many ways, and against the entire establishment of the exploitation system called the "gay ghetto" in San Francisco. Are you not aware of this historical implications of the very term "ghetto," Sparrow?

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To start with, the whole **labor/management dispute** between the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW or "wobblies") and Miracle Mile Enterprises Corp. (doing business as the End Up started when the **queer** janitors there presented the management with a **union contract for negotiation**. This caused the management there to **instigate** a series of firings. All this was sparked in large part because the management there fired a janitor because he has **AIDS**, and therefore "couldn't" work. This man is a radical gay activist **faggot**, and Wobbly, and he's not me, and **we** as a group of **queer workers** were ready to stand up to this **exploitation** by a **homo** boss. The subsequent picket lines involved people who once worked at the End Up as well as other union and queer activists, wobblies and non-wobs, male and female and other, straight and gay, dyke, bisexual and transgender too. Apparently, however, Sparrow bought **de facto** the definitions of the situation offered by the **gay bosses** in the **gay press**. The gay press wasn't as bad actually in their coverage of our pickets as they've been known historically to be. Because guess who owns the gay papers? That's right - gay bar owners, who also own the boutiques and run the "community-based" AIDS service organizations and live in Diamond Heights and very well, thank you, and get back to work. They are the **gay establishment**, and Sparrow, they are not your friends either. They are your **masters**.

That is why we also reached out to other press outlets, such as **labor** and **anarchist** media, as well as the straight "alternative" press. Deep Dish TV has a lot of footage too. Sparrow 13's objection to such diversity gets to the heart of the problem with "quasi-separatis(m)," and goes far toward illuminating the hypocrisy Sparrow 13 so brazenly displays as righteous libertarianism. The fact of the matter is, we did not **submit to discrimination** at the hands of **gay bosses** who **profit** not only off that ghetto Sparrow so righteously defends in his letter, but also off the **queers** who work for them, for low wages and in shit conditions (just like them coal miners, only more socially tolerant, despite separatism). We also dared to break the silence about that "We're All Family." We maintain that a boss is a boss, straight or gay, and queer and straight alike can see the common interests we all share, as human fucking beings, in standing up to such exploitation based on who we are, what we do, and how much money we have. Not to see it, and indeed to call those who fight such a fight names you specifically resent

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working-class, faggot-ass Wobbly

FIGHTING BAD HISTORY

I thought that "Fighting White Supremacy" by Sharon Martinez in Slingshot's Summer issue made good points about the way the ruling elite uses racial/ethnic divisions to screw the rest of us, no matter what color, and perpetuate its own rule. But this was in distinct contrast to the bad history which came early in the piece.

The author asserted that European capitalism was built up essentially on the theft of precious metals and land from the indigenous inhabitants of this hemisphere and the enslavement of Africans. While these were factors, they were by no means the only ones, or even the most important. It was far more a case of a system developing via its internal dynamic. This was the forceful displacement of Europe's peasants from the land. In Britain, this process took the form of "enclosure", the seizure of common land belonging to no one/everyone. Elsewhere in Europe, as well as Britain, small plots owned by peasants were likewise taken over by the owners of big estates. All this was done with the open aid of the state. The main result was the expulsion of most of the rural inhabitants from their traditional

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By the 17th century, the system did require globalization to continue its growth. Private property relations were imposed on other continents. The theft of resources and land and the enslavement of peoples fed into the already proceeding process in Europe so as to generate modern industrial capitalism. It is all still going on today, be it in the depopulation of the West African countryside or the gentrification of urban centers in Europe and North America.

Martinez follows her take on European history with the assertion that the U.S. was the "first capitalist system created from scratch entirely from the theft of land of Native Americans and the enslaved labor of Africans." Once again, not supportable by the evidence. Money made via the capital accumulation process in Europe was instrumental in the development of the U.S. well into the 19th century. For example, much of the railroad building which "opened" the West was financed by British and French investors. The factors mentioned by Martinez certainly played an important part. But so did the exploitation of European immigrants, many of whom were initially virtual slaves (indentured servants), one of the reasons they often ran away from the European colonies and joined the indigenous peoples (as did many slaves). The Dismal Swamp community and

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Martinez also makes it seem as if the U.S. alone is responsible for spreading capitalism around the world. Little is mentioned about the role of Japanese capitalism in spreading the world market to Asia, or the continued role of the original capitalist European home base in all continents. She also conveniently leaves out the major role played by African chiefs and Arab merchants in the slave trade, and the complicity of some Native American tribes in aiding the subjugation of their kinfolds.

In fact, she only vaguely alludes to the need to terminate the global rule of capital, and instead focuses on the "need to rectify the injustice of white supremacy." Seems to me she's more interested in guilt-tripping than in building bridges and bringing out the truth, which does include frequent complicity by European-Americans in systemic racism. We should've learned from the past that guilt is a bad way to bring people over to awareness and action. It's much more effective to shed light on our common situation and everyone's stake in a new society.

--Jack Straw

SLINGSHOT *Calendar*

MONDAY, OCT 25

• 8:00 pm Berkeley Lessons from the Anti-Defamation Spy Scandal \$5-\$10 donation North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst, Info: (510) 704-0517

TUESDAY, OCT 26

• 8:00 pm Berkeley Video: Paris is Burning A video about the transgender ball in NY Long Haul, 3124 Shattuck, Berkeley

WEDNESDAY, OCT 27

• Noon SF FOOD NOT BOMBS RALLY-LUNCH Free food is not a crime. Come to lunch. Wear a costume. Civic Center in front of City Hall. [SF-FNB (415) 330-5030]

• 7:30 pm Berkeley When Abortion Was Illegal: Untold Stories. A video screening of this Oscar-nominated documentary, plus a reading by author Sumi Hoshiko from her book 'Our Choices: Women's Personal Decisions about Abortion', with discussion. La Peña, 3105 Shattuck, (510) 849-2568.

• 8:00 pm Berkeley Video-They Live Long Haul, 3124 Shattuck [Social Club (510) 547-Onkh]

THURSDAY, OCT 28

• 7:00 pm SF Town Meeting Updates on Prop. V, MATRIX, FNB arrests, scapegoating of immigrants, etc. New College, 777 Valencia

FRIDAY, OCT 29

• Noon Sacramento Day of the Dead Political Funeral for Pete Wilson. See needle Exchange article on p. 1. State Capitol Building. [ACT-UP (415) 252-9200 for info/ transportation]

• 5:00 pm SF Levitate the SF Stock Exchange. Help exorcise the Financial District of the demons that have plagued us all! SF Stock Exchange, Bush and Pine Streets.

• 5:30 pm SF Critical Mass Bike Ride Hundreds of bicyclists take the streets doing their part to levitate the Stock Exchange. Justin Hermann Plaza, foot of Market St. at Embarcadero

• 5:30 pm SF Sparks Fly IV The fourth annual international day of solidarity with women political prisoners, with Dorothy Allison (novelist, poet) Chrystos (poet, author, indigenous land and treaty rights activists), and Melanie De More (African American singer/songwriter). The Women's Building, 3543 18th St. near Valencia [Women Against Imperialism (415) 995-4735] \$7-\$25

SATURDAY, OCT 30

• Noon SF, National Day of Solidarity with Immigrant Labor Noon rally to protest the abuses to garment workers by Jessica McClintock, Inc. and their Oakland-based subcontractor, Lucky Sewing Co. [Asian Immigrant Women Advocates (510) 268-0192]

• 7:30 Berkeley A Tribute to the People of Haiti Aristide returns on this day. Multi-Cultural tribute with music, dance and poetry. MLK Jr. High School, 1781 Rose St. \$7-\$25. For Tickets and Info (415) 864-4561

SUNDAY, OCT 31

• 4:45 pm SF Day of the Dead Magical Puppet Performance. Honoring people with HIV and those who have died of HIV. Dolores Park, Dolores at 18th St. [Wise Fool Puppet Intervention (415) 905-5958]

• 7:00 pm SF Day of the Dead Candlelight Procession. See above. Leave from Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St. near 24th. [Galeria de la Raza (415) 828-8009]

THURSDAY, NOV 4

• 7:00 pm Berkeley Queer Film Festival 145 Dwinelle Hall UCB [Radical Film Collective]

SATURDAY, NOV 6

• 9:30 am East Bay Day of Outreach and Community Mobilization to Stop Depo-Provera Join community organizations at locations throughout the East Bay to alert women to the potential health hazards of Depo-Provera, the birth control injection drug. Call in advance (415) 995-4735.

SUNDAY NOV 7

• 7:30 pm Berkeley Haunani-kay Trask Native Hawaiian Activist and Scholar, a talk on the most current issues of the Hawaiian struggle for self-determination and a screening of *An Act of War*. \$7 La Peña, 3015 Shattuck, [Hawaiian Nation Information Group (510) 893-5743]

TUESDAY, NOV 9

• 5:00 pm SF March to the INS Office! International day of anti-fascist actions. Protest anti-immigrant racism on the anniversary of Kristallnacht. ¡ A Desalambrar! Tear Down the Borders. (415) 431-8615, (510) 845-5003

THURSDAY, NOV 11

• 9:00 pm Berkeley Benefit Show for the Long Haul, Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo

FRIDAY, NOV 12

• 5:30 pm Berkeley Critical Mass Bike Ride Out of your cars and onto your bikes. Berkeley Bart

THURSDAY, NOV 18

• 9:00 pm Berkeley Benefit Show for Food Not Bombs, Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo

SUNDAY, NOV 21

• Benefit Party for Pol Brennah 1983 H-Block escapee arrested in Berkeley, now in Santa Rita fighting his extradition back to Northern Ireland. Info: (510) 848-6466

MONDAY, NOV 22- NOV 28

• Berkeley Animal Liberation theme week at the Infoshop, 3124 Shattuck

WEDNESDAY, DEC 1

• Noon Berkeley International Aids Day Demo We Need a cure, not a stamp. Berkeley Main Post Office. [ACT-UP/EAST BAY (510) 836-4401]

FRIDAY, DEC 10

• 5:30 pm Berkeley Critical Mass Bike Ride Two wheels good, four wheels bad. Berkeley Bart

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